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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION: MAY 27-28 SPC TEXT

REF: USNATO 2923

FOLLOWING IS NATO DOCUMENT EXS (74/70) GIVING TEXT OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION DEVELOPED IN MAY 27-28 SENIOR POLADS DISCUSSIONS (USNATO 2923 AND SEPTTEL) AND SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION IN NAC MAY 29.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DECLARE THAT THE TREATY SIGNED 25 YEARS AGO TO PROTECT THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE HAS CONFIRMED THEIR COMMON DESTINY. UNDER THE SHIELD OF THE TREATY, THE ALLIES HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR SECURITY, ENABLING WESTERN EUROPE TO REBUILD FROM ITS RUINS AND LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF ITS UNITY, AND HAVE PRESERVED THE VALUES WHICH ARE THE HERITAGE OF THEIR CIVILIZATION.

2. BEGIN UNDERLINE EITHER END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THEIR CONVICTION THAT IT IS AS MUCH AN INSTRUMENT FOR PURSUING DETENTE AS FOR ENSURING COLLECTIVE DEFENCE END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDER-
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LINE OR END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THAT, WHILE PURSUING DETENTE, THE TREATY ENSURES COLLECTIVE DEFENCE END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDERLINE OR END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS IN RECENT YEARS,

GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE ROAD TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS END BRACKETS. THEY WELCOME THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE ROAD TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS, AND THE FACT THAT A CONFERENCE OF 35 COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA IS NOW SEEKING TO LAY DOWN GUIDELINES DESIGNED TO INCREASE SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY BELIEVE THAT UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT, WHICH ALONE COULD PROVIDE GENUINE SECURITY FOR ALL, THE BEGIN BRACKETS SECURITY END BRACKETS TIES UNITING THEM MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE ALLIES SHARE A COMMON DESIRE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF ARMS EXPENDITURE ON THEIR PEOPLES. BUT STATES THAT WISH TO PRESERVE PEACE HAVE NEVER ACHIEVED THIS AIM BY NEGLECTING THEIR OWN SECURITY.

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE REAFFIRM THAT THEIR COMMON DEFENCE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. AN ATTACK ON ONE OR MORE OF THEM SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK AGAINST THEM ALL. THE COMMON AIM IS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF A CONFLICT BEGIN BRACKETS IN WHICH THE STAKE, THROUGH THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY MEMBER NATION'S INDEPENDENCE, WOULD BE THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD. END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDERLINE OR END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS LEADING TO THE LOSS OF INDEPENDENCE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE AND THUS PUTTING AT STAKE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD. END BRACKETS

4. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY REALIZE THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO A POINT OF NEAR EQUILIBRIUM, THE BEGIN BRACKETS NATURE

AND DEGREE OF VULNERABILITY OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE TO AN ATTACK, AND THUS THE END BRACKETS CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THEIR COMMON DEFENCE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. CONSEQUENTLY THE ALLIANCE'S PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENCE OF EUROPE HAVE ASSUMED A DIFFERENT AND MORE DISTINCT CHARACTER.

5. BUT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE SITUATION WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE TREATY HAVE CERTAINLY NOT CHANGED. WHILE THE COMMITMENT
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OF ALL THE ALLIES TO THE COMMON DEFENCE REDUCES THE RISK OF EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, THERE IS NO BEGIN BRACKETS PRESENT END BRACKETS ALTERNATIVE BEGIN BRACKETS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE END BRACKETS TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED FOR THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE BY THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR FORCES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, AND BY THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE(1)

BEGIN BRACKETS THE ALLIES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY WITHIN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TREATY CAN BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY WELCOME THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO THE PRESERVATION OF INTER-

NATIONAL SECURITY AND WORLD PEACE. END BRACKETS

BEGIN FOOTNOTE: TO PARA FIVE:

(1) A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE SUGGESTED MIGHT BE "WHILE
AGGRESSION, THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE SECURITY IN
EUROPE PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE AND THE PRESENCE OF
NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE CONTINUES TO BE NECESSARY."
END FOOTNOTE:

6. NEVERTHELESS, THE ALLIANCE MUST PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION
TO THE DANGERS TO WHICH IT IS EXPOSED IN THE EUROPEAN REGION,
AND MUST ADOPT ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVERT THEM. THE EUROPEAN
MEMBERS, WHO PROVIDE THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH
OF THE ALLIANCE IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHOM POSSESS NUCLEAR FORCES
BEGIN BRACKETS CAPABLE OF PLAYING A DETERRENT ROLE OF THEIR OWN
END BRACKETS BEGIN BRACKETS OF THEIR OWN, CAPABLE OF PLAYING A
DETERRENT ROLE END BRACKETS UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY
EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON DEFENCE AT A LEVEL
CAPABLE OF DETERRING AND IF NECESSARY REPELLING ALL ACTIONS
DIRECTED AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE.

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7. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, REAFFIRMS ITS
DETERMINATION NOT TO ACCEPT ANY SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXPOSE
ITS ALLIES TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE LIKELY
TO DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR FREEDOM, AND THAT TOGETHER WITH ITS
ALLIES IT WILL MAINTAIN FORCES IN EUROPE AT THE LEVEL REQUIRED
TO SUSTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND TO
MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD
DETERRENCE FAIL.

8. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT AS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF ANY DEFENCE POLICY

IS TO DENY A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY THE OBJECTIVES HE SEEKS TO ACHIEVE BY STARTING A CONFLICT, ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH ALL WEAPONS AT THEIR DISPOSAL CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST ASSURANCE THAT WAR IN ALL ITS FORMS WILL BE PREVENTED. BEGIN BRACKETS CONSEQUENTLY, NO AGREEMENT WITH A COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE SHOULD ALY DOWN RULES AND LIMITS UNDER WHICH WAR WOULD BE WAGED. END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDERLINE OR BEGIN BRACKETS AS A COROLLARY, THE ALLIES REAFFIRM THAT A MAJOR AIM OF THEIR POLICIES IS TO SEEK AGREEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR. END BRACKETS

9. ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CANADIAN AND SUBSTANTIAL US FORCES IN EUROPE PLAYS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE IN THE DEFENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN AS WELL AS OF EUROPE. SIMILARLY THE SUBSTANTIAL
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FORCES OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES SERVE TO DEFEND EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AS WELL. BEGIN BRACKETS IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT BEGIN BRACKETS THE PROGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOWARDS POLITICAL UNION END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDERLINE OR BEGIN BRACKTS THE GROWING UNITY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY END BRACKETS SHOULD HAVE, IN DUE COURSE, BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THE CONTRIBUTION BEGIN BRACKETS TO THE INDIVISIBLE DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE END BRACKETS

OF THOSE OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS WHICH ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. END BRACKETS

10. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE CONSIDER THAT THE WILL TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR COMMON DEFENCE OBLIGES THEM TO NEGLECT NOTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THEIR FORCES, AND THAT EACH SHOULD UNDERTAKE, ACCORDING TO ITS PLACE IN THE ALLIANCE, ITS PROPER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF ALL. CONVERSELY, THEY TAKE THE VIEW THAT, IN THE COURSE OF CURRENT OR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, NOTHING MUST BE ACCEPTED WHICH COULD DIMINISH THIS SECURITY.

11. BEGIN BRACKETS THE ALLIES ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR COMMON AIMS REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL TRUST. THESE ARE AS NECESSARY FOR DETENTE AS FOR DEFENCE, WHICH ARE, THEY REPEAT, COMPLEMENTARY. THE ALLIES WISH TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ESSENTIAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS SUPPORTED BY HARMONIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SO THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE BENEFITS FROM THE STRENGTH - POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY - OF THE OTHERS. TO THIS END THEY UNDERTAKE TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTAION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR COMMON INTERESTS. IN THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP, AND BASED ON THE PURPOSES THEY SHARE, THEY WILL USE ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS OF CONSULTATION, ACCORDING TO

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR OVOLVING RELATIONS. THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR WORK TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH ONE ANOTHER. END BRACKETS

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BEGIN BRACKETS THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONVINCED, NOW AS BEFORE, THAT THEIR AIMS WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION IN MUTUAL TRUST ON ALL THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS. SINCE DETENTE AND DEFENCE ARE COMPLEMENTARY, THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. FURTHERMORE, WHILE ABIDING BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS, AND ANY COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH ONE ANOTHER. END BRACKETS

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BEGIN BRACKETS THE ALLIES ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FULFILMENT OF THEIR COMMON AIMS REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION, CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL TRUST. THESE ARE AS NECESSARY FOR DETENTE AS FOR DEFENCE, WHICH ARE, THEY REPEAT, COMPLEMENTARY. THEY WILL IN PARTICULAR WORK TO REMOVE SOURCES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH ONE ANOTHER. TO THIS END THEY UNDERTAKE TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR COMMON INTERESTS. END BRACKETS

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12. THEY RECALL THAT THEIR SOLIDARITY IS BASED ON A COMMON

DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH ARE THE FRUITS OF THEIR SHARED SPIRITUAL HERITAGE AND WHICH THEY ARE RESOLVED TO UPHOLD(1). SINCE THESE PRINCIPLES, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, FORBID ANY RECOURSE TO METHODS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE, THEY REAFFIRM THAT THE EFFORTS WHICH THEY MAKE TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLES EXCLUDE ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE, ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN EUROPE, THEIR OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE THE PURSUIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION WITH EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY. BEGIN BRACKETS IN THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY RECOGNIZE THEIR RESPONSIBI

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LITY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PROSPERITY AND POVERTY KNOW NO FRONTIERS, AND AN OPEN AND EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL. END BRACKETS BEGIN UNDERLINE OR END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS IN THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT EACH OF THEM HAS SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BENEFITED FROM ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS. END BRACKETS

BEGIN FOOTNOTE:

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"THEY RECALL THAT THEY HAVE PROCLAIMED THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH ARE THE FRUITS OF THEIR SHARED SPIRITUAL HERITAGE, AND THEY DECLARE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO GIVE THEIR PEOPLES AN INCREASING SHARE IN THEM."
END FOOTNOTE:

13. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE HAS FOUND EXPRESSION NOT ONLY IN CO-OPERATION AMONG THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO IN THE FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE ALLIANCE. ACCORDINGLY THEY DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF LINKS AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS.

14. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE THUS REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO AIMS AND IDEALS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY DURING THIS YEAR OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SIGNATURE. THE MEMBER NATIONS LOOK TO THE FUTURE, CONFIDENT THAT THE VITALITY AND CREATIVITY OF THEIR PEOPLES ARE COMMENSURATE WITH THE CHALLENGES WHICH CONFRONT THEM. THEY DECLARE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE LASTING STRUCTURE OF PEACE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO

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